selective relative movement within said receptor body,

said actuator means having a manually operated element being accessible from the outside of said receptor body,

a pair of locking elements mounted in said receptor body in operative relationship to said actuator means at a position between the spaced prongs for selectively engaging the punched holes of the male plug locking the prongs of the male plug to said receptor body,

said actuator means being movable along an axis parallel to the spaced prong to a first position between the spaced prongs for permitting insertion and removal of the prongs relative to said locking elements, and

said actuator means being movable along said axis parallel to the spaced prongs to a second position between the spaced prongs in said receptor for simultaneously urging said pair of locking elements outward in opposite directions into locking contact with the prongs of the male plug.

2. A locking female electrical receptor comprising

a female receptor body having a pair of holes for receiving the spaced prongs having punched holes of a male plug for electrically connecting two electrical lines respectively coupled to said receptor body and the male plug,

said receptor body having actuator means mounted for selective relative movement within said receptor body,

said actuator means having a manually operated element being

accessible from the outside of said receptor body,

a pair of locking elements mounted in said receptor body in operative relationship to said actuator means at a position between the spaced prongs for selectively engaging the punched holes of the male plug locking the prongs of the male plug to said receptor body,

said actuator means being movable to a first position between the spaced prongs for permitting insertion and removal of the prongs relative to said locking elements, and

said actuator means being movable to a second position between the spaced prongs in said receptor for simultaneously urging said pair of locking elements outward in opposite directions into locking contact with the prongs of the male plug,

[The female receptor according to Claim 1 wherein] said locking elements are a pair of balls.

4. (twice amended) A locking female electrical receptor comprising

a female receptor body having a pair of holes for receiving the spaced prongs having punched holes of a male plug for electrically connecting two electrical lines respectively coupled to said receptor body and the male plug,

said receptor body having actuator means mounted for selective relative movement within said receptor body,

said actuator means having a manually operated element being accessible from the outside of said receptor body,

a pair of locking elements mounted in said receptor body in operative relationship to said actuator means at a position between the spaced prongs for selectively engaging the punched holes of the male plug locking the prongs of the male plug to said receptor body, said pair of locking elements being a pair of balls,

said actuator means being movable to a first position for permitting insertion and removal of the prongs relative to said locking elements,

said actuator means being movable to a second position in said receptor for urging said pair of locking elements in opposite directions into locking contact with the prongs of the male plug, and

said actuator means includes an elongated shaft movable in said receptor body and being in operative contact with said balls, said shaft having a reduced width aligned with said balls in said first position to permit disengagement of said balls.

10. (twice amended) A locking female electrical socket receptor comprising a socket receptor body having holes for receiving the spaced generally parallel prongs having punched holes of a male plug for electrically connecting an electrical line to a power source,

said socket receptor body having actuator means mounted for selective relative movement within said socket receptor body,

said actuator means being an elongated shaft extending into

said socket receptor body and having an end portion positioned between said holes of said socket receptor body, [and] said elongated shaft having an external portion accessible from the outside of said socket receptor body for manually causing said movement relative to said socket receptor body,

at least one locking element mounted in said socket receptor body in operative relationship to said actuator means for selectively engaging at least one of the punched holes of the male plug locking the male plug to said socket receptor body,

said elongated shaft being moveable along an axis in parallel relationship to the parallel prongs to a first position during said movement for permitting insertion and removal of the prongs relative to said locking elements,

said elongated shaft being moveable along an axis in parallel relationship to the parallel prongs to a second position during said movement in said receptor for urging said at least one locking element into locking contact with at least one prong of the male plug,

said elongated shaft having a variable width, and

said elongated shaft having a greater width at said second position than in said first position.

Remarks

By this amendment rejected Claims 1 and 10 have been amended in an effort to better distinguish over the references of record. The areas of indefiniteness noted by the Examiner have been